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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UB SCANDAL

1. EMBASSY INFORMED BY A RELIABLE SOURCE THAT MINISTER OF ECONOMY BENNATON, WHO NOW HAS PRIVATELY HIRED BODY GUARDS, IS IN SUCH FEAR FOR HIS LIFE THAT HE HAS DECIDED TO GO ON TV SUNDAY, APRIL 20, AFTER DEPARTURE OF THE INVESTIGATING COMMISSION FOR WASHINGTON TO TELL COMPLETE STORY OF THE BRIBE, HOPING THUS TO ELIMINATE ANY INCENTIVE FOR HIS MURDER TO ENSURE HIS SILENCE.

2. PRESS REPORTS UB REQUEST FOR PERMISSION FOR UB EXECUTIVE LOPEZ BALBOA TO LEAVE COUNTRY HAS BEEN TURNED DOWN BY THE COMMISSION WHICH HAS CALLED BOTH LOPEZ BALBOA AND HOUSTON LACOMBE, UB LOCAL MANAGER, TO GIVE FURTHER TESTIMONY TODAY.

3. TIEMPO OF APRIL 19 QUOTES JORGE ARTURO REINA, COORDINATOR OF THE COMMISSION AS SAYING THE COMMISSION ALREADY HAS REASONABLE INDICATIONS THAT AT LEAST ONE HIGH GOH OFFICIAL WAS BRIBED BY UB.
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